1st January THE QUEEN AND MR BACON

These last months the Queen hath been utterly alienated from Mr Bacon, turning away from him with express and purposelike discountenance wherever she seeth him Insomuch that being admitted to her presence he spake to her very plainly, saying that many loved him not because they think he hath been against my Lord of Essex * and you love me not because you know I have been for him , yet will I never repent me that I have dealt in simplicity of heart towards you both, without respect of cautions to myself, and therefore *utuus mdetuyu fereo* if I do break my neck, I shall do it in a manner as Master Dornngton did it, which walked upon the battlements many days and took a view and survey where he should fall And so, Madam,' said he, * I am not so simple but that I take a prospect of mine overthrow, only I thought I would tell you so much that you may know it was faith and not folly that brought me unto it, and so I will pray for you ' Upon which speeches, uttered with some passion, the Queen was exceedingly moved, and spake kind and gracious words to him, and willed him to rest upon this, '*gratia mea suffictt*'

^nd January THE EARL OF ESSEX

The Earl of Essex nowadays is observed to be very close with the Earl of Southampton, Sir Charles Danvers, Sir Ferdmando Gorges, Sir John Davies and divers others The resort of the multitude to Essex House to hear sermons is more frequent than usual, and some of the words of the preachers much noted, as that the superior majestrates of the realm have

power to restrain kings themselves

yd, January AN ITALIAN DUKE IN LONDON

There is come to London Virgmio Orsmo, Duke of Bracchiano, being sent, as it is said, by the French Queen to give her Majesty thanks for a token which she formerly sent The Duke was honourably received by the Italian merchants in the city,